



TWENTY YEARS AGO

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The marriage of Miss Lucile Bongardner and Mr. Elmer Robinson will be solemnized this evening at 8:30 o'clock at the Westminster Presbyterian church in the presence of more than three hundred guests.

Before the ceremony Mrs. Raymond S. Murray will sing "Mavis," with Miss Ethel Grant accompanying her on the piano. Miss Theo Cobb at the harp and Miss Lena Anderson in a violin obbligato will play the wedding march from "Lohengrin" for the entrance of the bride party. After the service they will play the Mendelssohn march. The bride party will enter the church, passing down the aisle, which will be marked with pink and white peonies. The little flower girl, Dorothy McKee, will strew rose petals along the path. She will wear a little frock of white net. Following her will be the bride, on the arm of her father, Little Glenn Elmore will carry the train. Then will follow the bride's sister, Miss Ruth Bongardner, the ring bearer, Junior Robinson, and the bridesmaids, Miss Ruth Robinson of Towanda, Miss Ruby Crocker of Manhattan, Miss Theodora Smith of Topeka, and Mrs. Rollo Howden of Skidmore, Mo. The rings which Junior Robinson will carry will be in small white ivory boxes carried on a silver tray. On the tray will be a fair white napkin.

The service will be read before a reredos of pastel colored peonies mingled with green. There will be three candelabra, each containing seven lighted candles, connected by ribbons of the pastel colors.

The bride will be met at the altar by the Rev. John S. McKee, who will read the service. The bridegroom, Mr. Robinson, and the best man, Mr. Everett Stearns of Towanda. The groomsmen will be Mr. Henry Marston of Manhattan, Mr. Vernon West of Topeka, Mr. Rollo Howden of Skidmore, Mo., and Mr. Ralph McCausland of Wichita, Kan.

The bride's gown will be of ivory satin made with a round neck with a vest effect of Duchess lace. The sleeves are short and pointed, and the skirt is made with little bouffant, wired loops over the hips. There is a Duchess lace on the underskirt. The long train is fastened at the shoulders with pearl ornaments. The bride will wear a veil of tulle extending over the face to the waist in front. A band of Duchess lace wired on each side will simulate a Dutch cap effect. The bride will carry a handkerchief of point lace by the bridegroom's mother, Mrs. J. C. Robinson. Her flowers will be valley roses carried in a silver ornament a cameo brooch, the gift of Mr. Robinson.

The maid of honor, Miss Ruth Bongardner, will wear a dress of shell pink chiffon with pearl trimming. Her flowers will be a colonial bouquet of pastel colors.

The bridesmaids will wear organdie. Miss Robinson's dress will be yellow with a yellow hat of the same material. Miss Ruby Crocker will wear lavender. Miss Theodora Smith pink and Mrs. Rollo Howden will wear a blue organdie and a blue hat. The bridesmaids will carry roses of the pastel colors harmonizing with their frocks.

Miss Theo Cobb will wear yellow organdie and Miss Lena Anderson, peach organdie. The two little boys, the ring bearer and the page will wear white sailor suits.

Mrs. Bongardner will wear white net with a corsage of orchids and Mrs. Robinson white embroidered silk and a corsage of orchids.

The ushers will be: Mr. Lux Maupin of Manhattan, Kan., Mr. H. N. Gillespie of Harper, Kan., Mr. Ralph

Miss Bell Stagg entertained nine of her girl friends at an informal thimble party Monday afternoon at her home at 2000 Kansas avenue. Her guests were Miss Lucy Knowles, Miss Helen Walker, Miss Edna Torkland, Miss Evelyn Holman, Miss Blanche Carnahan, Miss Kattie Fynn, Miss Margaret Goodrich, Miss Mildred Scott and Miss Anna Beck.

Miss Nellie Healy came up from Kansas City today and is the guest of Miss Bessie Haydon.

Miss Edna Crane will entertain informally Friday afternoon complimentary to Miss Mary Moon.

Miss Agnes Hansen returned to her home at Topeka Tuesday after a week's visit with Topeka friends.

Mrs. Clark and daughter, Emma, of Burlington, are visiting the family of Judge George W. Clark on West Sixth street.

Miss Harriet Stanley, of Wichita, is the guest of Miss Margaret Johnston at her home at 2000 Kansas avenue this week.

Miss Olive Branch, of Minneapolis, Kan., is spending the week with Topeka friends. Miss Nellie Osborn, of Salina, who is visiting in Lawrence, will stop in Topeka Monday and Tuesday before returning to her home.

Mrs. A. H. Bennett, of Emporia, is visiting friends in Topeka.

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After the wedding service there will be a reception at the Bongardner home in Mulvane street. Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Robinson and the bride and bridesmaids will be the only ones in the receiving line.

The pastel colors used in the decorating of the church will be carried out in the flowers used thru the rooms. There will be pink and white peonies, lavender iris and other spring flowers. The bride's cake, a large three tiered one, will center the dining table. Around it will be a wreath of peonies and iris with smilax on the outside.

During the evening, an orchestra, hidden by ferns and palms, will play in the breakfast room.

Mrs. Ella Smith, Mrs. E. P. Elmore, Miss Ella True, Miss Lena Davis and Miss Capitola Steele will assist through the rooms. A number of the girl friends of the bride will assist in serving. They are: Miss Laura Nelson, Miss Florence Fair, Miss Margaret Lorrison, Miss Margaret Whitmore, Miss Mary Hall of Kansas City, Miss Christina Ward of Kansas City, Miss Dorothy Foster and Miss Mildred Spencer.

Mr. Robinson and his bride will leave this evening for a short trip of a week. They will be at home on Mr. Robinson's ranch near Towanda, Kan. In the fall, Mr. and Mrs. Robinson will enjoy a longer wedding journey.

The bride is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bongardner and has lived in Topeka all her life. She is known for her musical ability and cleanness in artistic lines. She finished at Kansas university last spring and has been with her parents during the summer.

Mr. Robinson, who has been a student in the animal husbandry course in Manhattan, graduated from the college at Manhattan Wednesday.

Mr. Robinson with his father, Mr. J. C. Robinson, is engaged in the livestock business on their ranch.

June third has been set as the day when the Woman's club will have their last meeting of the year. It will be held on the Washburn campus.

The members of the club will all assemble at Boswell hall and a picnic lunch will be served on the campus at one o'clock. The committee has added an "if" to the serving of the lunch, and that is, if the weather permits, the lunch will be a basket affair served on the lawn. The meeting will not be a "dress up" event and the members are planning to wear their picnic clothes.

In the afternoon a program which is under the supervision of the musical and social department of the club will be given in MacVicar chapel. There will be music by the Woman's club chorus and a playlet will be presented. The new officers of the club will be present.

The hostesses during the noon hour will be: Mrs. W. W. Strickland, chairman; Mrs. Matt Weightman, Jr., Mrs. Hiram C. Root, Mrs. Albert W. Neese, Mrs. S. W. Lyman, Mrs. J. C. Gafford and Mrs. J. R. Koontz are on the hall committee. The presiding officers' assistants will be Mrs. J. A. Cole, Mrs. W. E. McVey and Mrs. J. R. Burrow. Mrs. D. A. McEachern's team of the club will serve luncheon.

The formal opening of the country club, which is one of the most important social events in Topeka's social season, will take place this evening.

For the last few years, because of the war, there has not been so large an attendance as on former times, but this evening many reservations have been made for dinner by prominent Topekan. Later in the evening there will be dancing.

At one table will be Mr. and Mrs. A.

M. Catlin, Mr. and Mrs. Guilford Dudley, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Frost, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Woodward, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Scott, Miss Mrs. and Mrs. J. C. Mohler.

Mr. and Mrs. Holmes Meade will entertain for the first time at the Delphi, who is visiting Mr. and Mrs. William Collinson. At the table will be Mr. Bowers, Mr. and Mrs. Collinson, Dr. and Mrs. Walter Welding, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Guild, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Frost, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Hall, Mr. and Mrs. Meade and Miss Arlet Nichols.

At another table will be Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Austin, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Boudier, Mrs. C. B. Reed and Miss Gertrude Bauer.

Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Palmer will have Mr. and Mrs. Earl Williams and Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Martin as guests.

Judge and Mrs. Silas Porter will have Mr. Edward E. Ellison of Kansas City and Mr. Elmer Powell of Kansas City.

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Never were the decorations at Kellam Hall any more beautiful than they were last night. Flowers were everywhere. They were entwined in lattices hanging from the ceiling and they were festooned on the walls. The lights were shaded with Japanese lanterns. In the center of the hall was an electric fountain, surrounded by palms, ferns, roses, hyacinths and daisies. A little canary in an ornamental cage hung over the fountain. The program was in the form of photograph folders containing group pictures of the girls of the active chapter.

Chaperons at the party were Dr. and Mrs. P. P. Womer, Dean and Mrs. D. L. McEachern, Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Cobb, Prof. and Mrs. E. D. Schoenberger, Prof. and Mrs. E. Lehigh Mudge, Prof. and Mrs. Horace Guthrie, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Shaker, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Gibson, Mrs. Louise Van Laer, Miss Louise Curtis, Miss Charlotte Leavitt, Miss Jessie Dean. Guests from other sororities were Miss Dorothy Crane, Miss Ruth Marsh, Miss Margaret McDonald, Miss Margaret Worden, Miss Maym Parsons.

RECEPTION IN NEW YORK.

New York, May 29.—The reception for Governor Allen at the Waldorf-Astoria Friday afternoon attracted the largest Kansas crowd ever assembled in New York City. The Kansas Women's club, of which Mrs. David Burr Luckey is president, and the Kansas Society of New York of which Benjamin F. Wollman is president, cooperated in making the gathering a success.

Among the former Topekan who took an active part in the arrangements were: Mr. and Mrs. Horace C. Wood, president of the United States Corporation company; Edward F. Burnett of the A. T. & S. F.; Travis Whitney, Albert T. Reid, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Whitman, John P. Fritts, Charles W. Price, who with Colonel Hudson was one of the founders of the Topeka Capital, DeForest Jettmore, Clarke G. Bailey, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin A. Menninger. Among the former Topekan who attended were: Mr. and Mrs. Ned Osborn, Miss Josephine Sublette, Mr. Allan McNeil, Mr. Pat Campbell, Mr. Fred Davis and Mr. and Mrs. A. Roy Meyers.

Miss Deanie Pruessner, Miss Ruth Pruessner and Mr. H. S. Pruessner have returned from Arkansas City, Kan., where they went last week to attend the wedding of their brother, Mr. J. Calvin Pruessner.

Mr. Pruessner and Miss Cecil Holland of Arkansas City were married last Sunday at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Gertrude Holland. The bride was